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**From:** Susan Sloss [mailto:jssloss@gci.net]  
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**Subject:** Comments re: State Transportation Projects

**We strongly oppose the three mega-projects: Juneau Road, Knik Arm & Gravina Is. Bridges. They will drain money from vital transportation projects in upcoming years due to their extremely high costs and the likelihood of cost overruns.**

**For the Juneau Road/Ferry Project, we request that the current cost estimate be validated by the state. A new technical report issued by Golder Associates in December 2006 strongly indicates significantly higher costs for the project than the \$320 million listed in the 2006-2009 STIP Draft.**

**According to the Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT), our existing transportation infrastructure needs are \$90 million per year for necessary maintenance and upgrades such as enhancing safety, filling potholes, fixing bridges, replacing culverts to allow fish passage, and improving public transit in urban areas, etc. Before constructing these controversial and non-essential new bridges and roads, these existing needs should be met before starting new mega-projects.**

**Sincerely, Jeff & Susan Sloss, 740 5<sup>th</sup> St., Juneau, AK 99801**